

CHARTER CHIEF OF ENGINEERS ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

1. Committee's Official Designation: The Committee shall be known as the Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board (hereafter referred to as "the Board").
2. Authority: The Secretary of Defense, under the provision of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix) and 41 CFR § 102-3.50(d), established the Board.
3. Objectives and Scope of Activities: The Board shall provide independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to environmental issues facing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as set out in (4) below.
4. Description of Duties: The Board shall provide the Secretary of Defense, through the Secretary of the Army, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), and the Chief of Engineers (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers), independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to environmental issues facing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Secretary of the Army may act upon the Board's advice and recommendations.
5. Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports: The Board shall report to the Secretary of Defense, through the Secretary of the Army, the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
6. Support: The Department of Defense, through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, shall provide support as deemed necessary for the performance of the Board's functions, and shall ensure compliance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 and the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. § 552b).
7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years: It is estimated that the annual operating costs, to include travel costs and meeting and contract support, is approximately \$160,000.00. The estimated annual DoD personnel costs are 0.75 full-time equivalents (FTE).
8. Designated Federal Officer: The Designated Federal Officer, pursuant to DoD policy, shall be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, and shall be appointed in accordance with established DoD policies and procedures. In addition, the Designated Federal Officer is required to be in attendance at all committee and subcommittee meetings; however, in the absence of the Designated Federal Officer, the Alternate Designated Federal Officer shall attend the meeting.
9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings: The Board shall meet at the call of the Board's Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Chairperson. The estimated number of Board meetings is two per year.

10. Duration: The need for this advisory function is on a continuing basis; however, it is subject to renewal every two years.
11. Termination: The Board shall terminate upon completion of its mission or two years from the date this charter is filed, whichever is sooner, unless the Secretary of Defense extends it.
12. Membership and Designation: The Board shall be comprised of not more than ten members, who are eminent authorities in the fields of natural (e.g. biological, ecological), social (e.g. anthropologist, community planner) and related sciences.

Board Members appointed by the Secretary of Defense, who are not full-time Federal officers or employees, shall be appointed under the authority of 5 U.S.C. § 3109, and serve as special government employees.

Board members shall be appointed for two-year terms by the Secretary of Defense, with annual reappointments, and shall serve no more than four consecutive years on the Board.

The Board membership shall elect the Board's Chairperson from the total membership.

Board members shall, with the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, serve without compensation.

13. Subcommittees: With DoD approval, the Board is authorized to establish subcommittees, as necessary and consistent with its mission. These subcommittees or working groups shall operate under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976, and other governing Federal statutes and regulations.

Such subcommittees or workgroups shall not work independently of the chartered Board, and shall report all their recommendations and advice to the Board for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or workgroups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Board; nor can they report directly to the Department of Defense or any Federal officers or employees who are not Board members.

Subcommittee members, who are not Board members, shall be appointed in the same manner as the Board members.

14. Recordkeeping: The records of the Board and its subcommittees shall be handled according to section 2, General Record Schedule 26 and governing DoD policies and procedures. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act of 1966 (5 U.S.C. § 552).

15. Filing Date: April 16, 2010